

BLIND OKLAHOMA SENATOR STIRS CONGRESS BY WARM SPEECH

WEATHER REPORT

FORECAST — Oklahoma: Friday fair; Saturday fair, rising temperature. TULSA, March 2.—The temperature: Maximum 55°, minimum 23°. North winds and cloudy.

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FRENCH REPEL NEW OFFENSIVE AROUND VERDUN

Heavy Fire Decimates the Ranks of the Germans; Infantry Attacks.

BRITISH RECLAIM STRIP OF TRENCHES

Four Officers and 176 Men Captured; Mine Galleries Destroyed.

THE GERMANS have resumed their heavy offensive in the region of Verdun, with the French everywhere strongly opposing it. While over most of the front from the east of the Meuse down in the Woerthe region, the German big guns have been active, around Douaumont, the Teutons launched several infantry attacks of extreme violence. These, the French war office declares, were put down by the French troops whose fire decimated the enemy ranks.

Le Mort Homme, the Cote du Poivre and the Douaumont sector particularly suffered heavy bombardments.

Northeast of St. Mihiel the French guns have been worked effectively against the German positions. In Alsace in the region of Sceppois heavy artillery duel has been in progress.

The British along the Ypres-Comines canal have reversed the victory gained over them by the Germans February 14 by retaking the eight hundred yards of trenches which the Germans captured at that time.

Take German Prisoners.

The German mine galleries in the trenches were destroyed and four officers and 176 men were taken prisoners. In addition French guns have destroyed a German work in the region of Beuvraignes, which lies between the Somme and Oise rivers.

The situation remains unchanged on the Russian and Austro-Italian fronts. In Asia the Russians are keeping up their strong offensive against the Turks.

Nothing definite has transpired with regard to the report that the German commerce raider Moewe had been captured and taken into Trinidad by British cruisers.

A dispatch from Trinidad says nothing is known there concerning the Moewe.

The British admiralty has made public its instructions to armed merchantmen. Armament is supplied to such vessels, the instructions say, "solely for the purpose of resisting attack by armed enemy vessels and

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MOTHER AND BABY PREVENTED HOLDUP

Five Would-Be Bank Robbers Intimidated by Woman; Extensive Plot to be Exposed.

CHICAGO, March 2.—A woman with a baby in her arms, sitting on the steps of the Washington Park National bank, disconcerted five would-be bank robbers and prevented the first attempt to rob that institution, according to A. H. Heyman, attorney for four men on trial here for the theft of \$15,000 from the bank in a daylight holdup several weeks ago.

Besides this, Attorney Heyman in his statement to the jury today said he would prove that Eddie Mack, who has confessed and turned state's witness, "trained the robbery with at least one police officer, that 10 percent of the proceeds of the robbery was to go to the police and that Mack first cajoled the defendants into the scheme and then forced them to commit the robbery on threats of exposure."

Heyman painted Mack as a modern Fagin and the four defendants as his pupils in a school where picking pockets and handling guns was taught.

MARDI GRAS OPENS AT NEW ORLEANS

NEW ORLEANS, March 2.—The 1918 Mardi Gras carnival was opened here tonight with an illuminated pageant of the Knights of Momus, in which the mythical story of "Pinocchio, the tale of a Marionette," was portrayed in elaborately decorated floats, bearing characters in costume. The parade was followed by the Mumus ball.

Hundreds of visitors already have arrived for the carnival, which will be concluded Tuesday night. The batoniers Kentucky and the destroyers Monaghan and Flusser are among the war vessels that will be here for the carnival.

Features of the festival include an industrial parade Saturday; the arrival on Monday of Rex, King of the carnival, who will enter the city from the "royal yacht" convoyed up the Mississippi by a fleet of all kinds of craft, followed by the pageant and half of Proteus and his subjects at night; the carnival of masqueraders on the streets on Tuesday, Mardi Gras day, with the Rex parade and the pageant and ball Tuesday night of the Knights of Momus. The Rex ball Tuesday night will end the festival.

Beautiful Princess Who Weds Kaiser's Third Son in Imperial Palace Saturday



PRINCESS MARIE AUGUSTE

MILITARY BILL IS ADOPTED FINALLY

Provides for Reserves of 700,000 During Peace Times.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Final agreement was reached by the house military committee late today on its bill for the increase of the army and it will be reported unanimously to the house early next week. In round figures the measure would authorize the formation of an army composed of regular national guardsmen and federal volunteers, with a total peace strength of approximately seven hundred thousand men.

It provides for a maximum strength of 170,000 fighting troops for the regular army, for a minimum of 425,000 for the national guard within five years, and for organization of federal volunteers through an extension of a summer training camp idea. It is estimated that one hundred thousand men can be enrolled in the latter force.

The bill retains provision for organization of industrial and technical reserves behind the fighting lines and authorizes the creation of a board of officers to control an immediate mobilization in time of war or imminent danger of war. It also provides that manufacturers of war materials must give immediate preference to government orders in war time or when there is danger of war under heavy penalty for failure to do so.

While the minimum strength of the regular army remained at 110,000 a change was made before the final vote to fix the maximum of fighting troops at 170,000, bringing the total authorized strength of the regular force, including the hospital corps and other noncombatant troops to 150,000.

While all members of the committee will sign the bill they do so under the reservation that they may support upon the floor of the house any amendment they desire.

LEVEE WEAKENING, RESIDENTS LEAVE

Bayou Sara Now in Danger of Immolation; Inhabitants Fleeing to Safety.

NEW ORLEANS, March 2.—Residents are fleeing from Bayou Sara fearing a break in the levee which protects that town from the Mississippi river flood, according to information received here tonight.

Bayou Sara is located on the boundary line of West Feliciana and Pointe Coupee parishes and is protected by a private levee. Weakening of the embankment was reported today by many of the inhabitants of the town, left for higher points with what few belongings they could carry. Should a crevace occur at this point it is believed that St. Francisville, the parish seat, would be in danger of inundation.

Dispatches from Tensas and Concordia parishes in northern Louisiana, inundated by water let in through the break in the Mississippi river levee near Newellton, indicated that the overflow had reached its crest in Tensas, but still was rising in Concordia. Black river in Concordia parish continues to rise. The town of Monterey was flooded today.

Engineers tonight reported that all of the levees of the main Mississippi system were holding, but anxiety was expressed over the slow rate at which the river was falling. The engineers feared that the regular spring rise would catch the river at a flood stage and bring on further trouble.

Drastic Steps to Stop Social Diseases Urged

LONDON, March 2 (10:30 p. m.)—A Bucharest dispatch received by Reuter's Telegram company by way of Amsterdam says that Queen Mother Elizabeth of Rumania (Carmen Sylva) died this morning.

The pen name "Carmen Sylva" by which Queen Mother Elizabeth of Rumania was most widely known, was chosen by her in expression of her love for song and the woods. She was one of the most charming figures in the courts of Europe and practically the only one of recent generations to gain fame as a poetess.

In her own words, she was born "far from a throne," for, although she was a princess of Wied, one of the many tiny principalities with which Germany abounds, her youth was that of an ordinary robust country girl, who learned to cook and sew and who romped in the open with her

May Ask Injunction.

There were rumors last night that Democratic taxpayers would go into court and ask for an injunction to prevent the county commissioners from paying the salary of Jim Patton,

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Patton Turns Over Office Monday; Both Men to Get Full Salary.

RAISE LEGAL POINT A LIFE OF SADNESS

Remarkable Romance Connected With Courtship of Queen.

Four Times Married, SHE GOES TO JAIL

SAN FRANCISCO, March 2.—Mrs. Carrie Christensen of Melrose, four times married, was sentenced today to one year in the county jail for using her husband's name and ironing him.

It was alleged she obtained about \$2,000. When sentenced she fainted and was carried from the court.

"I have no sympathy with these long-range courters," Judge Maurice T. Dooling said in passing sentence in the federal district court, "but a fool and his money must not be parted."

STORM BREAKS IN SENATE WHEN GORE MAKES SPEECH DENOUNCING WILSON

The Love Song of "Hell-Roaring" Disney

"How far will you go with me, Dear Jim?
To the tall and mount where votes I see?
The path of the Mooser's a lonely lane.
And there's no one journeying there but me."

Jim smiled all the while with a sweet disdain.

He scoffed at the song of the snickersee,
And looked him full in the eye and said,
"I'll go to the end of the lane with thee."

Then he loved Diz anew, with a strange, fierce love,
As high as the stars, as deep as the sea;
He would share his heaven and share his hell!
And a traitor to party he promised to be.

POLL TAKEN BY LEADERS SHOWS WILSON IS SAFE

Oklahoma Senator's Amendment to Be Voted Down at Today's Session.

BLIND ORATOR STIRS HALL BY HIS SPEECH

Heard Reports That Had All the Earmarks of the Truth, He Says.

WAITING FOR WAR

Says President Had Decided to Break Relations With Germany.

WILSON HAS WON GRATITUDE OF ALL LOYAL AMERICANS

BROOKLYN, N. Y., March 2.—Senator Robinson of Arkansas spoke before the Brooklyn Bar association tonight, advocating warning Americans off armed ships of European belligerents. After an exhaustive review of the controversy with Germany and the history of the arming of merchantmen for defense, he concluded:

"The president has earned the gratitude of all loyal Americans for his earnest efforts to protect their rights and to maintain peace. He is entitled to support and encouragement in his further efforts to satisfactorily adjust this vexing question."

"Pending the result of the negotiations, however, we ought to avoid further complications by restraining our citizens from taking passage on armed belligerent vessels."

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Out of day's developments in President Wilson's fight with congress, crowded to the utmost with elements of the sensational and dramatic, the administration forces in the senate tonight emerged with pledges of enough votes to kill once and for all Senator Gore's resolution to warn Americans off armed ships of the European belligerents and demonstrate that congress stands behind the president in his negotiations with Germany.

Action in the senate, it is believed, will be followed promptly by stifling of sentiment in the house against the president's foreign policy.

In one of the greatest nonpartisan debates the senate has seen in years, Chairman Stone of the foreign relations committee declared he was not in accord with the president. Senator Lodge, the ranking Republican pledged his support to the president's determination to secure to Americans their rights on the high seas, and Senator John Sharp Williams, just from a sick bed, delivered a withering denunciation of the president's opponents.

Scheduled For Scrap Heap

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 11 o'clock when the administration leaders plan to bring up the Gore resolution and table it, disposing of it finally as an embarrassment to the president in his conduct of diplomatic negotiations with Germany. They have found that not more than 23 votes can be mustered against them.

In the house, where the president was faced with further delay, the

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MINERS-OPERATORS DEADLOCK

Unable to Reach an Agreement in Regard to Wage Scale.

NEW YORK, March 2.—A deadlock exists in the negotiations between the bituminous miners and operators of western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois over the amount of the increase in wages to be allowed the soft coal miners of those states. The situation stands where it did yesterday when the operators refused to agree upon a 3-cent per ton increase, and the miners voted down a proposal of a 1-cent per ton advance.

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